By the House of Delegates,

February 18, 1858.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We propose with the concurrence of your Honorable Body to appoint a joint special committee, to be composed of five members of this House and three of the Senate, who shall have leave to sit after the adjournment of the two Houses, for the purpose of inquiring into the fisheries and productions of the Chesapeake Bay, and its tributaries, and of reporting to the next General Assembly some suitable plan for the better regulation of the same, and have appointed Messrs. Belt, Ford, of Cecil, Sudler, of Somerset, Kennard and Landing, on the part of this House.

By Order,

J. W. CLAYTON,

Chief Clerk.

Which was assented to and sent to the Senate;

Mr. Alexander offered the following order:

Ordered, That the joint special committee heretofore appointed on the part of this House, to whom was referred the report of Messrs. Scott and McCullough, codifiers, be increased to seven members;

Which was adopted, and

The Speaker added Messrs. Hobbs and Thruston, to said committee;

On motion of Mr. Kilgour,

Leave was granted the Special Committee appointed on the subject, to introduce a bill entitled, an act concerning the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company;

On motion of Mr. Bacon,

Leave was granted to the Harford county delegation, to introduce a bill to provide for the appointment of an Inspector of Lumber at Bell's Ferry or Lapidum, in Harford county;

On motion of Mr. Wickes,

Leave was granted to the committee on Judiciary, to introduce a bill to confirm and make valid a deed from Clement F. Jones and Josiah Massey and wife to Thomas F. Copper;

On motion of Mr. Harrington,

Leave was granted to the committee on Corporations, to introduce a bill to incorporate the Baltimore Division, No. 1, Sons of Temperance;

On motion of Mr. Meginnis,